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SUBJECT: HEALTH OF PRESIDENT ARISTIDES PEREIRA

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PROTOCOL ADVISOR TO PRESIDENT PEREIRA HAS CONFIRMED REPORTS THAT HEALTH OF CAPEVERDEAN PRESIDENT IS FAILING. ACCORDING TO SOURCE PEREIRA IS TIRED, HAS CHRONIC INSOMNIA AND IS FREQUENTLY IN A DEPRESSED MOOD. HE ALSO DECLINES TO TAKE MUCH NEEDED VACATION. SOURCE NOTES THAT PRESIDENT HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY DEPRESSED OVER CONTINUING DROUGHT SITUATION IN CAPE VERDE AND ON ONE OCCASION WAS HEARD TO REMARK THAT CAPE VERDE WOULD HAVE TO WAIT ON RAIN UNTIL THE AMERICANS LEARN HOW TO CONTROL THE WEATHER. PRESIDENT ALSO TOLD SEKOU TOURE DURING LATTER'S JULY 31 VISIT TO THE ISLANDS THAT HE WAS WORRIED ABOUT SUCCESSION IN CAPE VERDE AND WOULD PREFER TO HAND OVER FATE OF CAPE VERDE TO THE COLONIAL ADMINISTRATORS RATHER THAN TO THE INEXPERIENCED GROUP OF ACTIVISTS WHO NOW OCCUPY MANY POSITIONS IN GOCV.
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ACCORDING TO SOURCE, PRESIDENT PEREIRA WAS VERY MOVED BY THE DEATH OF POPE PAUL AND TOOK UNUSUAL STEP OF ORDERING CAPEVERDEAN OFFICIAL RADIO STATION TO PROVIDE TIME FOR RELIGIOUS PROGRAMMING.
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